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SUBJECT: Trip Report: Meeting of the Cost  
Analysis Task Force Case 103-5

DATE: October 28, 1968

FROM: W. J. McKune

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

The author attended a meeting of the OMSF Cost Analysis Task Force (CATF) at MSC on October 9-10, 1968. The primary purpose was to prepare a specification on cost estimating to be used in the Phase B studies on the Space Station. A list of attendees is attached.

Mr. Young explained the organizational alignments at MSC in the area of advanced missions. Mr. Turner explained the responsibilities of the Advanced Manned Missions office at OMSF, and reviewed the history of the CATF and the status of its various activities.

Mr. Sidney Brown presented the results of his work this summer at MSC in developing a quantitative measure of the uncertainty of cost estimates. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the methodology would be recommended to higher management. Mr. McKune agreed to devise a technique for combining the methodology with the time phasing capabilities of the TIPP program.

Mr. Turner presented a draft specification prepared by the author for cost estimate presentation, which was offered as a point of departure for the discussions on the specification to be attached to the work statements for the Phase B study on the Space Station. The remainder of October 9 and all of October 10 was spent on discussions of this document. Each represented office was requested to have written comments to Mr. Turner by October 18, 1968.

On October 11, 1968, the author met with Mr. S. Brown at Texas A&M, College Station, Texas, to discuss the details of his uncertainty determining technique. Mr. Brown described how his method differed from those presented in the literature, outlined the rationale which led him to his conclusions and described the tests which he had made to verify his conclusions. Mr. Brown gave his recommendations as to possibly fruitful extensions of the technique.

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Attachment

List of Attendees at the CATF  
Meeting on October 9-10, 1968

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Meeting on October 9-10, 1968

J. S. Ackerman, KSC/AD-RFM-AA  
S. Brown, Texas A&M  
D. F. Bruce, MSC/HA(JE)  
R. M. Carpenter, MSC/JA  
A. Ferguson, MSC/ET  
W. J. McKune, Bellcomm-MTS  
D. N. Turner, OMSF/MTE  
C. W. Westbeld, MSC/HA(JE)  
C. Williams, OMSF/MPR  
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R. W. Young, MSC/HA(JE)